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## **One of the Northwest's Most Wanted Arrested in Las Vegas**

On the run for over a year, Markus D. CARPENTER, 31 of Renton, was arrested by Deputy U.S. Marshals and local law enforcement officers from the Las Vegas Fugitive Task Force (LVFTF), without incident, based on information developed by the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT). CARPENTER was wanted by the King County Sheriff's Office for Homicide, the Seattle Police Department for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and by the FBI in Oklahoma for Armed Bank Robbery.

"Another dangerous, gun toting felon is out of action," said U.S. Marshal Eric Robertson. "Once again this demonstrates when law enforcement works together, results occur – dangerous criminals go to jail."

On July 17, 2004, CARPENTER and Aaron JACK shot and killed Brian Kevin PORTER over a gang dispute inside The Spot, a nightclub located at 12441 Des Moines Memorial Drive South. JACK self-surrendered to law enforcement, but CARPENTER was not identified and charged until May of 2005. Following the issuance of an arrest warrant, The King County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and the PNWFAT in locating and apprehending CARPENTER.

PNWFAT investigators quickly determined that CARPENTER had fled the state following the homicide, and pursued those leads. On October 6, 2005, CARPENTER allegedly robbed the Commercial Federal Bank in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma utilizing a handgun. The FBI obtained a federal arrest warrant for Bank Robbery against CARPENTER on October 18, 2005, and also began to search for CARPENTER. CARPENTER is also wanted by the Seattle Police Department for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm based on an August 31, 2004, incident where CARPENTER was the victim of a drive by shooting, but was found to unlawfully be in possession of a firearm.

Information recently developed led PNWFAT investigators to the Las Vegas, NV area where it was believed he was hiding with friends. A collateral lead was sent to the LVFTF and investigators began conducting surveillance at the residence of a suspected family member. He was arrested there today.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

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For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov). For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

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